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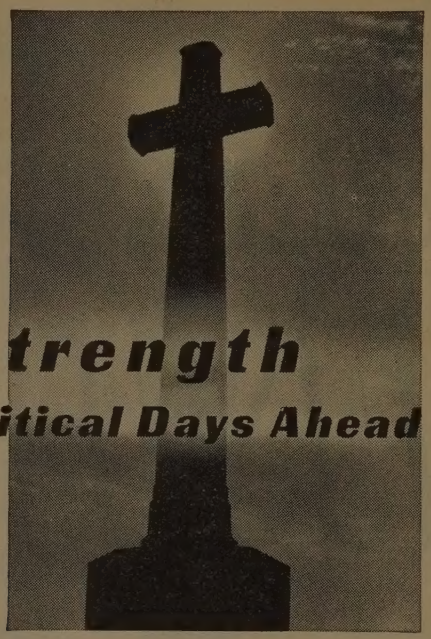

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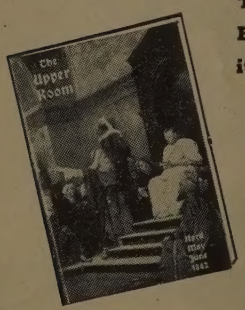

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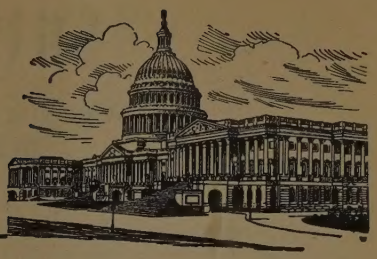

THEY CRY FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE

Baptists of America must, and we believe will, recognize and hasten to take advantage of the golden opportunity now confronting them. The people are beginning to cry for the "Bread of Life". A marked upsurge of spiritual hunger is evident on every hand. America may be closest to defeat in war than at any time in her history, but the churches are closer to victory than they have been in many generations if they have the wisdom to act. The time is at hand for Baptists to boldly proclaim that "salvation is of the Lord". They should proclaim it from the pulpit, over the radio, through the printed page, in the shop, on the farm, on the streets, in the home—day and night they should proclaim the blessed Gospel of a Saviour who delivers from sin and who graciously enters the heart with the "peace that passeth all understanding." The people are crying for the "Bread of Life." They will not be denied and if Baptists do not feed them they will eat at other tables. We must begin where we left off—with Evangelism in all its forms and types. Mass Evangelism is on the way back. It may not be the mass Evangelism of twenty-five years ago—but it is on the way back. The people will crowd any church now where a Saviour from sin is lifted high and where salvation by grace is preached with conviction and power. The people have tried other gospels for many years. They have found them empty and void of nourishment. The people are starved. They have "spiritual rickets". They desperately need and admit they need, the real "Bread of Life." Baptists have the message that the average man can understand and digest. They have a zeal with knowledge that no force can stop when they direct that zeal into proper channels. As much as we need money this is not the time to major on money raising. Now is the time to major on the thing for which Christ died—the saving of the souls of men—men who are without hope and who will plunge into eternity sooner or later without a Saviour unless the Gospel is pressed upon them. All other movements, local and national, are fine and worthy, but now is the time to preach the unsearchable riches of a risen Lord. We must now make budgets and organization secondary. We must stop in our tracks—turn about face and launch a preaching campaign that will shake the foundations of this nation. Preachers must regain their conviction and power. They must stand on the house tops as bold prophets and speak to men about sin, repentance and forgiveness. Sane emotionalism must again find its place in our preaching. The hearts of men are breaking and the tides that rush pell mell through their hearts must be put under the control of the tender, sympathetic and warm-hearted Christ. Men and women are confused. They are now willing to admit that they have lost their way. It is the privilege of Baptists to help them find their way. Will we do it? What are we going to talk about at our national Conventions? What will we major on there? What are we going to do before our Conventions meet? Are we or are we not going to give the people the "Bread of Life?" For after all this job does not depend on Conventions or resolutions. The job must be done by each church. The preaching must be done by the Pastors and Missionaries. The visiting must be done by the members of the churches. The praying must be done by the churches. Christ has no hands but our hands. He has no feet but our feet. He has no lips to speak but our lips.

May God help Baptists to give the people bread, for they cry for the "Bread of Life." Every last one of us should throw ourselves into this crusade with a passion—which some might call an insane passion. What if they do? The early disciples were branded as insane. If we fail now to respond to the call of the people; if we fail to preach salvation in a person—and that person Jesus Christ; if we fail to present with power the only way out of the present tragedy—God will take the light from us. And that is exactly what He ought to do. They cry for the "Bread of Life". Give ye them to eat.

Mike Elliott

SOUTH OF PANAMA

What Are the Objections to a New and Bold Adventure Of Faith In South America? Should Northern Baptists Begin Working There?

By WALTER O. LEWIS

In the United States there is a growing interest in Latin America. And South America has had a larger share of attention recently than Central America. The war has made us realize the importance of South America for the defense of North America. The reports over the radio and in the papers of the recent Inter-American Conference in Rio de Janeiro were followed with great interest. When we are in trouble we realize the need of good neighbors. Some have gone to South America and after a brief visit have written books telling us all about a whole continent. Some have gone with the laudable intention of promoting a better understanding between North and South America. Too often they themselves have not understood the people south of Panama. Their approach was not always tactful. It is proper and right to promote better commercial and political relations among the nations of the Western Hemisphere. But the spiritual side is too often forgotten.

Certain elements in the Roman Catholic Church are seeking to create the impression that Catholicism alone furnishes the basis for a spiritual union of North and South America. Recently a Roman Catholic scholar proposed that young people from South America should be sent to Roman Catholic schools only when brought to the States for study. Why not let them study where they please? And not long ago certain Catholic leaders proposed that an All-American philosophic congress should be held in some Roman Catholic university in the States. It was claimed this would promote the cultural unity of the Americas. It is more than likely that if such a congress were held few of the intellectual leaders of South America would attend. And few non-Catholic thinkers from the States would take part. The Roman Catholic Church has failed to furnish the intellectual and spiritual leadership needed in South America. Some of the leaders of the Church know this and sometimes admit it. While there are splendid exceptions, upon the whole the Roman Catholic Church has been anti-liberal and anti-democratic in South America. The spiritual needs of the people of European origin have not been met and far less the needs of the Indians who make up a large part of the population of most of the countries of the southern half of our continent.

What have the non-Catholic or Evangelical forces of North America done about this? Far too little. There are vast areas in South America where the larger Protestant denominations are not represented at all. All honor to the smaller independent missions that have realized the need and responded as best they could. But more is needed than they can furnish. While still placing the primary emphasis on evangelism there is need of schools to train leaders. In some places hospitals are needed. Everywhere there is great need of more and better evangelical literature. It would seem that the time has come for the various Protestant bodies that have work in South America to enlarge and strengthen that work. And Baptists should have a larger share in all this than they now have. Southern Baptists and Canadian Baptists have work in South America. Why should not Northern Baptists enter some of the countries where evangelical forces are weak? What are the objections to a new and bold adventure of faith in South America?

It is said that we are at war and this is no time to undertake anything new. Have we forgotten that Carey launched his great movement one hundred and fifty years ago when Europe was in the turmoil of the French Revolution. And the Napoleonic Wars began soon afterwards. It was during the War of 1812 that Judson and his companions stirred up their fellow-Christians in America to undertake the evangelization of the non-Christian world. The difficulties connected with war should not deter us if there is a clear call from God to enter new fields. There is always opposition to new projects. It is not easy to overcome inertia.

There were objections when Northern Baptists took over the work of the Livingstone Inland Mission in the Congo. The British sponsors of this mission felt the work they had begun had outgrown their resources. Few could be found today who would give up the Congo. The same people who had to give up work in Africa have work in South America. They are having difficulties now on account of the war. Perhaps Northern Baptists can once more help carry on a work that might otherwise languish and die. There was opposition when Northern Baptists went into West China. Now all rejoice that American Baptists are in that part of China. New work should not be started if important unfinished work has to be given up. But sometimes new resources can be found for new work.

There is a phase of the work in South America that is often overlooked by those who know only North America. South America has very close ties with Europe. Until recently in many of the universities of South America, France was regarded as the source of culture. French literature was read and French philosophy had great influence. There is constant intercourse between Spain and Spanish-speaking America. Just now Franco is exploiting this against the Allies. And behind Franco stands Hitler. Brazil and Portugal have more in common than the language. And there are many Italians in South America. The countries in Europe that are closest to South America are Roman Catholic and from a Protestant viewpoint are hard fields. If South America were Evangelical it would be easier to evangelize Europe.

And there is still another thing that should be considered. It now looks as if it would be relatively easy for American Baptists to begin new work in South America in the near future. By common consent there is a friendlier attitude in certain countries towards the United States. We should take advantage of this. If the Allies win the war, some of the reactionary tendencies will be checked for a while. Doors now open may be closed in a few years. If God leads us to undertake something new in South America let us put our hands to the plow and not look back.

REVIVAL WILL FOLLOW WAR

By DR. C. T. LEBER

Japan's attack upon American and British centers in Asia, on December 7, has shocked the anti-British attitude out of the leaders of India, has opened the eyes of Thailand to Japanese scheming, has emphasized the yearning of Filipino leaders for a strong and satisfactory spiritual movement, and has shown that in Hawaii there is a demonstration of interracial brotherhood as exists nowhere else in the world, according to Dr. Charles T. Leber, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Dr. Leber has just returned from an airplane trip around the world, visiting Presbyterian mission fields in Hawaii, the Philippines, Thailand, India, and the French Camerouns, Africa, and spoke at a dinner given to him on February 4 by 200 members of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, in New York City. Dr. Emory Ross presided.

The trip, lasting six months, was made by Dr. Leber and by the Rev. Phillips P. Elliott, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, to hold a series of "spiritual fellowship conferences" with missionaries and national church leaders and with other leaders in these countries. Both the Pacific and Atlantic were crossed by plane, the American government giving these journeys priority because of the place of the church in the morale of the nations visited, and the values of the church to the rebuilding of the world.

"Despite the losses sustained in the bombing of Pearl Harbor, there remains in that frontier of America a demonstration of interracial brotherhood as there is nowhere else in the world", said Dr. Leber. "It is a real demonstration of what the Christian fellowship can be. It is a demonstration of world democracy for many races are living together there in peace and fellowship. There is in Hawaii a spirit that America has not appreciated until now.

"In the Philippine Islands we met with large numbers of educated leaders—deans, professors, physicians, lawyers, government leaders—who are liberal in their religious thinking and searching for a new spiritual movement. They are unwilling to accept the totalitarianism of the Catholic Church there, and they do not find in the Protestant church a leadership sufficiently qualified to woo them into the evangelical movement. I am convinced that the terror of Japanese militarism will not destroy the search of these educated Filipinos for spiritual freedom, and that when the war is over we will see the birth of a great evangelical movement in the Philippine Islands.

"Thailand's political leaders, all of them young men and most of them in their thirties, now admit that they were fooled as to Japan's plans in Indo-China and in their own country. 'Thailand implores for world peace' is stamped on every letter leaving and entering Thailand and this is the real desire of the leaders. But these young men were not sufficiently wise to know of Japan's real purposes, and thus let Japan's armies seize Indo-China, only to have all of Thailand subjected to Japan's philosophy and plans for domination.

"We found that many of the leaders of India were anti-British before December 9 and freely said that it made little difference to them whether England or Germany won the war. It was Gandhi who kept India from joining the war against Great Britain, and he still remains the most powerful influence in India. Today Nehru, once anti-British, is leading all India to support the British cause because since December 7 he and his followers see the Japanese plan and they fear Japan.

"It is my conviction that as Americans and as a church we have not yet learned our lesson from this war. We are still sure of our racial superiority and of our reliance upon our materialism. We must eradicate this idea of our superiority or we will have before long a race war in this world. I am convinced, too, that this attack has been made upon us in some places because of the strength of our Christianity and not because of its weakness. We must admit that there are no Christian nations, but that a minority in each country make up the true Christianity. I am sure that the growing strength of Christianity in China contributed to the present invasion of China by Japan, that in the Philippines and Thailand the strength of the Christian movement helped bring on the attack by Japan, and that the attack upon Christianity in India was brought on by the fact that Gandhi was not able to draw the Christians into a synthesis of all religions. And I am convinced that we are being prepared for the greatest missionary advance in the history of Christianity when this war is over."

"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

"How may we hear the latest news from Kodiak?" inquires a woman from one of our local churches and we reply, "Just invite a representative of the Speakers' Bureau of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society."

"How may we hear the latest news from Terminal Island?" "Invite a Speaker from the same Bureau to speak on Christian Centers," we reply.

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Significant indeed is the incident of the little lad from one of our Christian Centers, who, on turning the street corner (after having been on an outing) pressed the hand of his missionary friend and said, "I know where I am now! I was lost, then we turned the corner and I saw the church, and I wasn't lost any more." Standing as lighthouses in a darkly clouded day, our churches, our missions and our missionaries are serving in strategic areas.

Every Speaker of the Speakers' Bureau of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society is "on her toes" today ready to serve you! Your Association Home Mission Vice-President will supply the names of Speakers in your area.

CHAPLAINS, CHURCHES, PASTORS

By ALBERT L. EVANS
Chaplain Second Army Corps

There is a problem of cooperation and coordination between the Chaplains, the Churches, and the Pastors. All desire to be of the greatest service to the soldiers of our country, but the question is what can we do, and how best can we do it. Of course, no one has a monopoly on all of the ideas or angles from which to attack this problem, but it might be of some help to speak of a few things, based on a broad practical experience, by one who is doing what he can to help preserve and promote the moral and spiritual welfare of our soldiers.

As a result of World War I experience, the War Department has placed the entire responsibility for moral and spiritual discipline and training squarely upon the shoulders of the Chaplains. All other agencies have been carefully excluded. The representatives of the Church in the Army are the chaplains. The churches' approach to the soldiers in the army is through the chaplains. Therefore the importance of close coordination and cooperation between the chaplains, churches and pastors is very important.

Many chapels have been built by the government and placed at the disposal of the chaplains. The chaplains have been relieved of every other duty and responsibility of a secular nature in order that they may devote their time fully to the spiritual welfare of the soldier. These chapels afford the chaplains a new opportunity to perform their ministry in a suitable, well-equipped place. It gives the chaplain a chance for a week-day as well as a Sunday program. Unless the chaplain arouses himself to the opportunity and makes good use of the chapels there are many possibilities that they will be used for some other purpose on weekdays. To prevent the chapels from being used for any other purpose than that for which they were built and dedicated, the chaplains are anxious to use the chapels week-days as well as Sundays. To do this they need the cooperation of the churches and pastors.

To mention some of the ways by which this can be accomplished I would suggest the following:

1. The pastors in communities near military camps and the chaplains should make contact with each other and have frequent conferences over their common problems.

2. The chaplains should invite the pastors to preach in their chapels and the pastors should invite the chaplains to preach in their churches.

3. The same procedure might be followed for mid-week services.

4. The pastors might arrange with the chaplains to take their choirs and musicians to the chapels for musical services.

5. The chaplains might bring musical talent from the camp to the churches for various occasions.

6. The pastors might arrange either for themselves or some of their members to give lectures, illustrated or otherwise, on current topics, good books, Bible themes, etc. There is a desire now on the part of the War Department to orient officers and soldiers concerning current developments in the international military situation, and war measures taken by the United States.

7. There is the possibility of organizing and teaching Bible classes.

8. The chaplains are in great need of discretionary funds in the conduct of chapel services and their functions, for which scarcely any provision is made by the government. Altar furnishings, communion necessities, candles, music, flowers, literature for religious education, etc., are needed.

9. Pastors and people can write to the chaplains of soldiers in their organization or camp, asking them to take particular interest in their spiritual welfare.

10. Pastors and people can send good books, magazines, and small gifts to the men through the chaplain. There are men in the hospital and the guardhouse who need special ministrations, who would appreciate such tokens and remembrances.

11. It is very important that pastors and people write to their soldier friends in the army, asking them to get in touch with the chaplains of their organization or camp, attend their services, and support their work while in the army. The chaplains are always on the lookout for men with Christian training and talents to assist them in their work.

12. Nothing could be finer than to invite groups of soldiers, whom the chaplains recommend, to attend some of the church meetings, entertainments, suppers, or to people's homes.

13. Oftentimes sight-seeing tours can be arranged through the chaplains, which would be of great interest to soldiers in strange communities.

14. It would be a splendid thing to transplant some of the young people's programs intact from the churches to the army chapels, attending them in a body.

15. Nothing could be of more importance to the chaplains in particular, and the military authorities in general, than a close surveillance of moral conditions in the community, especially those adjacent to military reservations. The army desires to keep its soldiers clean morally and physically, but it needs the vital interest of the churches and the people in matters of this kind. This is a big question which needs immediate action and eternal vigilance.

16. In many of these communities there are the U.S.O., the Y.M.C.A., the Red Cross, and other organizations (including Lutheran Service Centers) which are ministering to soldiers and their welfare. It would be well for the churches and the pastors to cooperate with them to the fullest extent. The chaplains desire to have close contact with all such.

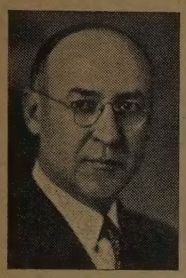
17. An attractive directory of the churches, the hour of their services, as well as that of the service organizations, might be prepared and placed on the bulletins of the organizations in the camp. If these were handed to the chaplains, they could attend to the detail of having them posted in proper places in the camp. Much can be done for the soldiers in the community through publicity.

18. Pay day is a great day in a soldier's life, and very soon thereafter he will visit the nearby towns and cities. That is a good time for the churches and people to make a special effort to receive and entertain them. Untold good can be done if this advice is heeded in a practical way.

19. Many soldiers want a decent place in which to stay when they are in town or city. If a list of such places could be made and handed to the chaplain, it would help.

20. Living in the community are the families of many officers and soldiers, who are entire strangers. They should be visited and welcomed in the community and the churches.

NEWS DIGEST . . . By William Park



THE REV. EUGENE C. CARDER, D.D., associate minister at the Riverside (Baptist) Church, of which Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick is pastor, has resigned after 23 years of service. He was a leader in the construction of the Riverside Church. Rev. Norris L. Tibbetts, pastor of the Hyde Park Baptist church, Chicago, will fill the vacancy. Dr. Tibbetts was once student minister in the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, out of which the present Riverside Church developed, when he was in the theological seminary. He married Mary Whitney Powell, then president of the B.Y.P.U. of the church.

ONE CHAPLAIN WORKING IN A FAR NORTHERN ARMY CAMP reported as follows: "It has been 28° below zero most all week. The snow is very deep. I speak several times each day. I had 45 conversions in one day." The Southern Baptist chaplain, a pastor on leave, reported 647 professions of faith the first half of 1941.

DR. LOUIE D. NEWTON IN THE CHRISTIAN INDEX reports that "in England one child in every three attends a church school, and now the House of Commons, after its notable discussion of making worship and religious instruction compulsory in all the schools, is awaiting the final draft of a law which promises to revolutionize the educational system of Britain."

DR. AND MRS. EARLE V. PIERCE spent part of the winter at St. Petersburg, Fla. He spoke in a number of churches. Dr. Pierce is to publish a book of his sermons through the Fleming H. Revell Company.

DR. TOWNLEY LORD OF LONDON has accepted the editorship of the Baptist Times.

DR. GEORGE BARTON CUTTEN, 67, has announced that he will retire in August from the presidency of Colgate University, in which position he has served for the past 27 years. He was the son of a Nova Scotia sea captain and as a young man worked as a reporter, appletree seller, pipe fitter, football coach and Baptist preacher. He worked his way through Yale by preaching. He was a star football player at Yale and has always been a strong prohibitionist.

DR. M. JOSEPH TWOMEY OF NEW JERSEY was reelected president of the American and Foreign Bible Society at its recent meeting. Other officers elected were: Charles A. McAlpine, secretary-treasurer, Rev. R. T. Craig, Rev. George Caleb Moor, Rev. Mark W. Williams, Rev. W. J. Swaffield, Rev. Paul T. Shelford, Rev. L. H. R. Hass and Rev. Carey S. Osborne to the board of directors.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS conducted a state-wide, interdenominational Church Music Conference this winter. Dr. H. Augustine Smith of Boston University was the main speaker and Professor I. E. Reynolds of Southwestern Baptist Seminary had charge of the Sunday school music forum.

DR. C. OSCAR JOHNSON, ST. LOUIS, was the speaker at a great evangelistic rally in Orchestra Hall, Chicago, February 23. Chicago Baptists believe it is "evangelize or die" and have planned special simultaneous evangelistic efforts this spring.

CHARLES A. WELLS, known to Baptists north and south is now publishing "Between the Lines", the Christian layman's news bulletin, through which the busy layman can "keep himself informed from the Christian viewpoint." The address is 152 Madison Avenue, New York City.

THERE WERE 450 DELEGATES at the 17th annual Colorado B.Y.P.U. convention, held in the First church, Denver. Ralph Adkins, Ft. Collins, is president and their theme was: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE DEXTER BOULEVARD CHURCH, Detroit, with Rev. Warner R. Cole, pastor, to erect a $250,000. building for worship and service. With about 1,200 members this church has an annual budget of more than $50,000.

DR. HAROLD N. GEISTWEIT, after 13 years as pastor of the Ninth Street Baptist church, Cincinnati, O., has accepted a call from the First church, Elmira, N. Y., succeeding Rev. Rolland N. Dutton, who became pastor of the Delmar Church, St. Louis.

AUSTRALIAN BAPTISTS HAVE INVITED DR. J. H. RUSHBROOKE, president of the Baptist World Alliance, to tour their country when the Collins Street Church, Melbourne, will celebrate its centenary in 1943. Dr. Rushbrooke reports that more than 300 Baptist buildings, valued at more than $5,000,000 have been destroyed in Great Britain.

MISSIONARY GIVING IS INCREASING. The Presbyterians are raising an extra million for emergency work. Northern Baptists have passed the $500,000 mark on their emergency goal of $600,000. The Methodists of the Indianapolis area reported nearly $8,000 increase over the same six months last year. And so it goes.

THE WORLDOVER PRESS SERVICE TELLS of the immediate closing of all Protestant schools in Spain and an order forbidding the reopening of Protestant churches which were closed during the civil war. This is in direct violation of General Franco's promise of religious liberty. Also all inscriptions have been removed from Protestant churches, Protestant editions of the Bible prohibited and stocks confiscated. Catholic teaching is obligatory in schools and all state employees are required to attend mass.

DR. DAVID A. PITT, PASTOR FOR 21 YEARS of the Central church, Norwich, Conn., has presented his resignation, stating that he will announce the date of his retirement at Easter.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE KANSAS CONVENTION called a special session of the Board in Topeka, February 12-13, making it possible for all pastors in the state to be invited with their travel expenses provided. The purpose was to face the present world situation in prayer and consecration.

FOR THE FOURTH YEAR THE "CHURCH NIGHT SCHOOL" was conducted at the First Baptist church, Wichita, Kans., Dr. Lewis Hale, pastor, with an enrollment the first night of 463. Courses were offered in "Missions—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow; New Testament Evangelism, and Sermon on the Mount for Such a Time as This."

DR. GEORGE W. TRUETT was the preacher and Robert H. Coleman, Dr. Truett's assistant in Dallas, led the singing, in a ten days' meeting at the Central church, Miami, Fla., Dr. C. Roy Angell is pastor.

THE GIDEONS ARE SUPPLYING SCRIPTURES to the American soldiers, sailors and marines, at the rate of 25,000 per week. Their slogan is "Bibles are as important as bullets."

THE SECOND EVANGELICAL INSTITUTE FOR BIBLE STUDY at Gordon College of Theology and Missions, Boston, was held during eight Monday evenings between January 26 and March 16.

DR. BEN COX, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE OPEN DOOR MISSION, Memphis, Tenn., recently celebrated his 75th birthday. He was pastor of the Central church, Memphis, from 1913 to 1933.

THE FIRST AMERICAN CONVOCATION OF PROTESTANT CHRISTIANITY is being planned for Chicago, and is to be held in May, 1944. It is expected that each of the denominational conventions held that year will be scheduled to meet in Chicago at that time. The convocation will consist of interdenominational sessions of all the churches.—Christian Century.

TO BE EXPECTED AS AN EFFECT OF WAR. The Worldover Press predicts that the "real wave of the future" is a wave of crime. Editor Devere Allen, cites that offenders under 21 years of age now constitute 48 per cent of the arrests in London. Crime is on the increase in most countries of the world.

RECENTLY CONNECTICUT'S GOVERNOR HURLEY and Col. Samuel H. Fisher, defense administrator, named Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, Rev. Russell J. Clinchy and Father Arthur P. Hanley, with Rev. E. Dent Lackey as official representative of the defense council—within which the committee functions—"to direct a spiritual defense program."

REV. SANDY F. RAY, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist church, Columbus, O., was the principal speaker at the Cleveland annual city-wide interracial and interdenominational observance of Universal Bible Sunday. Cleveland citizens also laid the corner stone for a new $200,000 Cedar Avenue Y.M.C.A. building, in the center of Cleveland's thickly populated Negro residential district.

2,000 PRESBYTERIAN YOUNG PEOPLE attended the Presbyterian (U.S.) Youth Convention on World Missions in Memphis, Tenn., beginning December 31. It was the largest of the 629 conventions held in Memphis last year.

CATHOLICISM ON THE MARCH! The Franciscan order recently bought the 32-acre Ryerson home in Lake Forest, Chicago, and opened western headquarters. Thirty students for the priesthood have enrolled. The eastern headquarters is in Baltimore.

THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE RHODE ISLAND BAPTIST, official organ of the state convention, was printed on the mimeograph.

DR. THOMAS T. BRUMBAUGH, for 12 years a Methodist missionary in Japan, has become executive secretary of the Detroit Council of Churches succeeding Rev. Clarence H. Frank, who has become pastor of the First Baptist church of Waltham, Mass.

RABBI LEO M. FRANKLIN, DETROIT, recently completed 43 years as rabbi of Temple Beth El. More than 500 Detroiters attended a testimonial dinner, with Edgar A. Guest as toastmaster.

THE MINISTERS' NO-WAR COMMITTEE, with Dr. Albert W. Palmer, president, has changed its name to "Churchmen's Committee for a Christian Peace," and will continue to function.

IN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS after the attack upon Pearl Harbor the Business Men's Bible class of the First Baptist church, Kansas City, Mo., had sold more than $50,000 of defense bonds and stamps.

REV. P. H. WELSHIMER, pastor of the First Christian church, Canton, Ohio, has celebrated his 40th anniversary as pastor of this congregation which numbers more than 6,000.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NORTH DAKOTA, at Minot, a Presbyterian and an Episcopal church, joined in the observance of the Lord's Supper. Both ministers, Rector H. N. Tragitt, Jr., and Rev. Willard W. Strahl, participated in administering the sacrament.

THE SECOND NATIONAL METHODIST STUDENT CONFERENCE was held on the campus of the University of Illinois with 1,233 delegates from 258 colleges, universities and theological seminaries, coming from 40 states and 12 foreign countries.

THE IOWA STATE COLLEGE AT AMES observed religious emphasis week this year with Dr. Kennth I. Brown, president of Denison University, Granville, Ohio, as the speaker.

DR. EDGAR GODBOLD, for 12 years executive secretary for Missouri Baptists, has resigned to become president of Louisiana Baptist College, Pineville, La.

IN NEW YORK CITY MORE THAN 101,000 CHILDREN have been released from public schools for religious instruction. According to Walter M. Howlett, secretary of the committee, this represents 40% of the children enrolled in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS will hold their meeting at Richmond, Ind., April 17-20, instead of in 1943.

THE SPIRITUAL ISSUES OF THE WAR, a publication of the British ministry of information, states that Dr. Albert Schweitzer, noted medical missionary, "is permitted by the Free French authorities, which control the area in French equatorial Africa to continue his work at Lambarene."

THE BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, meeting at Franklin, Ind., elected Giles Brown of San Diego, Calif., president. Headquarters for the staff will be in Philadelphia.

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Nearing her 100th birthday, Mrs. Emeline C. Roberts of Michigan, writes appreciatively of the regular income that has given her freedom from worry during advanced old age:

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THE RURAL BAPTIST CHURCHES

By GEORGE W. GRIFFIN

Through the courtesy of the Luther Rice Bible Class of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., this page is made possible to the readers of the *United States Baptist.*

The object of this page is to keep before our churches, both country and city, the opportunities and possibilities for Kingdom growth through our rural churches.

We know George Washington best as the Father of his country, a soldier and a statesman. But like many great Americans, he was first a farmer. On his 4,000 acres of farm land he used the most up-to-date scientific methods of his time.

Thomas Jefferson is known as our third President, and also as the author of our Declaration of Independence. He was known as the red-headed farmer of Virginia. Visiting a country Baptist church at their Saturday business meeting, and watching their conduct of the session, he is quoted as saying, "This is the purest form of democracy known to the world."

Most of our leaders of Colonial days were farmers, for farming was the chief means of support in the early days of the settlement of this country.

Statistics show that nearly 90% of the Protestant ministers and missionaries were born and reared in the country. Outstanding examples of such men among our Baptist leaders are Dr. George W. Truett, our peerless preacher, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, the largest white Baptist church in the world; Dr.Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, who also is a product of a country Baptist Church; and Dr. Walter O. Lewis, Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, who was reared in a country district of northern Missouri.

It has been stated that 87% of the successful business and professional men of our great cities in America have come from the farm.

We hope in a later issue to give a list of valuable books and other literature which has been especially prepared for the use of rural pastors.

We are also planning for a series of conferences for our rural Baptist pastors in connection with the Baptist Bible School here in Washington, which has a Rural Church Department as a part of its curriculum. Some of the Washington pastors and churches have expressed a willingness to entertain the rural pastors who come to these conferences. The dates for these meetings will be announced later.

A Brief Sketch of the Agricultural Department of the United States

In 1862 Abraham Lincoln signed the bill which Congress passed in that year, authorizing the Agricultural Department of the United States. And during the same year Congress passed a bill which was signed by President Lincoln for the opening of Land Grant Colleges, which have in these later years been developed into what is known as our Agricultural Colleges and Universities. The growth and development of our Agricultural Department, and the wonderful things which have been accomplished in the last 80 years, is a very thrilling story. Until today the Agricultural Department's buildings cover more floor space than any other of the departments of the United States Government. President Theodore Roosevelt, in promoting a Commission for the study of the rural problems of our nation, awakened an interest that has caused many of our great scholars, teachers, economists, scientists and other leaders to a new interest in agricultural problems and opportunities.

Farming—Past and Present

In the early pioneer days of the settlement of our country, farming was the main business, and the land was the principal source of wealth and support.

Agriculture is today the biggest business of our nation. As has been well said by many of our leaders in this present world crisis the United States must be the arsenal of democracy, and with all the speed possible everyone who is a loyal American should do everything in his power to speed as rapidly as possible the military equipment that will bring us to an early victory.

After years of careful study of all phases of our present world predicament, I am thoroughly convinced that the farmer people and the products of the land will play a great part, both in the military victory and in peacetime reconstruction. On a recent trip from Washington to Denver, and from Dallas to Chicago, as I gazed upon this great valley and plain section of our country, and watched all the modern methods of farming, with up-to-date machinery and scientific planning, I drew the conclusion that this section alone could raise enough stock and grain to supply the needs of a starving world.

The Great Baptist Opportunity For Today

A survey by the Agricultural Department shows that there are over 250,000 rural communities in the United States. We know that many of them have no church of any denomination. It seems to me that this is the supreme challenge for Baptists of this hour. We are giving our best youth to our Nation to fight the world battle for freedom. It is a necessity, and must be done, if liberty and freedom are to continue on the face of the earth.

Youth are ready for adventure. In our seminaries, training schools and colleges we have an army of young people who are thoroughly consecrated and willing to go to the ends of the earth to carry the gospel message of love and peace. Now that our foreign mission activities are so circumscribed because of conditions of war, many of our missionaries have been brought home and the fine group of volunteers who are ready and waiting to go are delayed, why could they not be used in meeting this great Baptist challenge in our rural communities? During these days of farm prosperity the farmers could greatly aid in the support of religious work in the rural sections. The last census shows that over 56,000,000 of the population of the United States live on the land. What a challenge to our Baptist people.

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—*William Penn*

I am not so anxious as to what may be a hundred years hence. He who governed the world before I was born will take care of it when I am dead. My part is to improve the present moment.
—*John Wesley.*

The Christian religion is both simple and sublime. It means *one thing only*—Eternal Life in the midst of time, by the will and power of God.
—*Adolph Harnack*

REV. FRANK L. CURRY has been pastor of the First church, Okemos, Mich., for ten years and also celebrated his 50th year in the ministry.

Leavell Resigns As Head of Evangelistic Department

Resignation of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board superintendent of evangelism, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida, was announced Thursday, February 5, by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, the Board's executive secretary-treasurer. In tendering his resignation from the position which he has held for five years, Dr. Leavell said that "it seems the clear leading of the Lord that I should accept" the call of the Florida church. The resignation will be effective in the middle spring as soon as the evangelistic leader can complete such engagements as cannot be cancelled. Dr. Leavell came to the superintendency of evangelism for Southern Baptists from a ten-year pastorate at Gainesville, Georgia, prior to which he was pastor in Oxford and Picayune, Mississippi. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force; that thoughts rule the world.—*Emerson.*

Remember the steam kettle: Though up to its neck in hot water it continues to sing.

There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it behooves all of us not to talk about the rest of us.—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

Antidote for Fear

Faith is the antidote for fear, and hope will remove despondency. There can be no despondency with a pure Christian outlook. Love destroys hatred, one of the origins of war. These three spiritual possessions make a worthwhile personal life and create the sort of world we want to live in.—*Sidney Sweet.*

Some affirm that we say: "Let us do evil that good may come": whose condemnation is just.—*The Apostle Paul* in *Romans* 3:8.

AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WISCONSIN has inaugurated a project to help visitors enjoy their visits to the sanctuary. "The church has been fited up with a photo-electric cell or an electric eye which will cause sacred music to float out on the air whenever any worshipper enters the church at any time during the day."—Watchman-Examiner.

For and About Women . . . by Mabelle Rae LeGrand

Who Is My Brother?

THERE is no one in our Northern Baptist Convention better qualified to remind us of our very great opportunity as Christians to hold steady, in these days when there is the quick impulse to express our reactions to some nationalities in our midst here in the United States, than the much beloved Secretary of the Department of Christian Friendliness, Mrs. Edwin H. Kinney. These are very busy days for her as she hurries hither and yon trying to keep us aware that the foreign names in our midst do not warrant unkind remarks or unjustified thoughts toward our neighbors. If there ever was a time when we ought to give the other fellow the benefit of the doubt, it is now. Mrs. Kinney has just been away on a long trip of some weeks in her task of interpretation and almost immediately she is off to the west where you and I know that the Japs have had no easy task to live among our own people during recent years.

I appealed to her to say some things to us that would make us more careful in these days when there might be an urge to be a bit unkind because we did not think quickly or clearly enough as we put forth every effort to win this war which seems to some almost a holy war. Mrs. Kinney did not find it possible to prepare an article just at this time but she has given me permission to use some things that she has said at another time and which are definitely on the subject suggested. I quote from her statements:

"We have now a particular opportunity to serve America. We are needed and prepared to aid in relieving the tension that is growing between older and newer stock Americans. Even as the large proportion of native born citizens are offering their best for America so, too, the large proportion of the foreign born in America are eager to give their best. But many people do not know this.

Much that we know would be steadying to some of our neighbors who are not aware of the reason why people came to America from all over the world, of the indispensable part they have had in the building of America, of the record they made of heroism and sacrifice in the former World War, of the evidence they are giving these days of their devotion to the country of their choice.

This is the time for us to keep in mind the comforting knowledge that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is well manned with a trained staff and is equipped to secure information. They are on the alert for the criminal alien. We are not needed to watch for the comparatively small group of foreign born who are dangerous to America nearly so much as we are needed to spread the truth about the overwhelmingly large group whose patriotism is above question."

Mrs. Kinney quotes some very important sentences from other sources and I include some of these. . . . "It is true we are a mixed people. Two out of every ten of us is a negro. One out of every ten of us is foreign born. Two out of every ten are the children of immigrants. Another two have immigrant grandparents. We trace our origins to every country in the world." From another writer she adds this, "No need to speculate how it has come about; the great fact is demonstrated that America makes Americans."

Again, "The record of the foreign born soldiers in the World War is a record of magnificent heroism. In that war, no less than 700,000 boys of Italian and German blood fought in the armed forces of the United States. The cemetaries of France are filled with names of Italian, German, Russian, Polish and Greek boys who died fighting for the American cause." And another writer adds this to her list of important statements; "We must not assume that simply because one has a German, Italian or Russian name he is a Nazi or a Fascist or a Communist. On the contrary, the fair thing to do is to regard him as an American until it is proved that he is something else. On no other basis can we consolidate our democracy and strengthen that spiritual unity which is just as important to the defense of American as cannons, tanks, and other instruments of war."

She calls our attention to these facts. "Many people do not realize that the reason the Japanese do not become American citizens is that they are barred by law from naturalization. They also overlook the fact that the children of these same Japanese because they are born in the United States are citizens by birth. Chicago's American-born Japanese of whom there are about 200 were eager to publish the fact that their loyalties are, first of all, to America.

If the Germans, Italians and Japanese in the United States who are opposed to totalitarianism are treated fairly, their faith in democracy will be strengthened. Their belief that democracy really functions will be passed on to the relatives and acquaintances they have elsewhere. Most of us have personal friends of foreign birth and parentage. Keeping these friendships is highly important. Strengthening good-will and co-operation is of the utmost value.

Being close to people for whom these days will probably mean loneliness, misrepresentation and hardship requires preparation. Thinking clearly, keeping our emotions under control, holding our faith steady will not be easy. We will have to know God. Knowing about God will not be enough. We will have to know for ourselves that He is greater than the world He made, that He understands people and that He gives them wise directions for abundant living. If we know this and are obedient to all we now understand regarding His will for us, new knowledge will come. And there will be a growing number of opportunities for each of us to "light a candle" which "is better than to curse the darkness."

This message from our specialist on Christian Friendliness is of course of great importance to Baptist women everywhere for we have made it our task to promote right attitudes wherever possible between people of different nationalities. However, the men of our churches need to think carefully about this matter of doing business with people of other lands or even of living in the same town or city and perhaps next door to new Americans of this generation or the last. Perhaps we ought to begin with the people in our own churches who may be a bit foreign. We could be especially friendly right now seeking out those in our own groups who may be worried about being misunderstood. Then we could look for those who are nearest to us, on our block at home, or on the same business street. It is time we went out of our way to be truly Christian these days when there are so many urges to say and do the little unkind or thoughtless things. Above all we might specialize on praying that even America and all her people, especially Christians might be very humble through all these difficult months.

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Northern Baptists have raised $520,000 of the goal of $600,000 for World Relief and expect to report the total amount raised before the annual Convention meeting in Cleveland, according to Dr. Earl Adams, Executive Secretary of the Council on Finance and Promotion, who was a visitor in Washington a few days ago. Dr. Adams also stated that receipts to the Unified Budget were 10 per cent above the same period of last year.

The timely theme, "A Ministering Church in a Stricken World." has been selected by the program committee of the Northern Baptist Convention. In announcing the theme here this week, Dr. Harry Freda, minister of the Baptist Temple, Rochester, New York, said that the annual convention would be held at Cleveland, May 26-31, 1942. Other indications that Northern Baptist leaders are thinking in terms of the present world crisis is evident in such topics as "The Church's Challenge in This Hour," "Looking Towards An Enduring Peace," "The Church's Place in Our Industrial Age," "Missions in Tomorrow's World." The Rev. Dr. John Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, will speak on, "With Mercy and With Judgment." Hon. Harold Stassen, Governor of Minnesota, vice president of the Northern Baptist Convention, will give an address before a young people's rally Saturday afternoon. Open forums and "Town Meetings" will be featured throughout the convention.

Service men and their home churches are being given special attention by the Committee on Christian Ministry to Service Men of the Northern Baptist Convention. Suggestions have been sent to local churches on how to follow its men into Army and Navy service. The committee is sponsored by the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Dr. Donald Faulkner Heads Department of Schools

The Board of Education of our denomination announces the appointment of Dr. Donald Faulkner as Director of its Department of Schools, Colleges and Seminaries, effective February 1, 1942. Dr. Faulkner received his Doctor's degree from Ohio State University in 1939 and for the past several years has been Summer Lecturer in that institution in the field of "College Administration." Previously Dr. Faulkner had had teaching and administrative experience both in Junior and Senior High Schools and in College. At the present time Dr. Faulkner is a member of the faculty of John B. Stetson University, Deland, Florida. He is a frequent contributor to leading educational journals. Such journals as "The Educational Research Bulletin," "The Educational Record" and "The Journal of Higher Education" have carried his articles in recent months. He is a member of the Florida Academy of Sciences, Pi Mu Epsilom, the Honorary National Mathematics Fraternity and of Sigma Pi Sigma, the Honorary National Physics Fraternity.

Leaders of the newly formed Baptist Youth Fellowship, a national organization affiliated with the Northern Baptist Convention, have voluntarily accepted the responsibility of raising $50,000 toward the world missionary enterprise.

A nation-wide crusade to induce local churches to pay their share of their pastor's pension dues has just begun by the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the Northern Baptist Convention. The drive concerns over 6,000 churches and ministers. Dr. M. Forest Ashbrook, executive secretary of the pension board, and Rev. G. Merrill Lenox, his associate, have offices here at 152 Madison Avenue, but during the crusade will spend much time in "field service." A series of two hundred convocations, centering in cities across the nation, is now being organized by the Northern Baptist Convention. The meetings now in the tentative plan stage, will begin in the fall. The purpose of the convocations is "to help prepare Northern Baptists for their additional responsibilities as Christians in the present world situation." They will furnish both inspiration and information for local churches.

The wife of the martyred president of the University of Shanghai, Mrs. Herman C. E. Liu, now holds the position of General Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of China.

D.D.'s For Ministers

WILLIAM A. ELLIOTT

DO BE AN OPTIMIST. In these turbulent, tragic days in which we live great is the need of optimism on the part of the minister. If hope dies out in his heart, then his pulpit ceases to be the fountain of inspiration that it is intended to be. For a minister to lose hope is a major disaster. Dispair and the demon of discouragement soon will take possession of his congregation.

His hope must be rooted and grounded in his faith in God and in his deep conviction that God has not deserted his universe. To believe that God is "standing within the shadow, keeping watch above his own," is to inspire courage and hope. The threads of human affairs seem tangled beyond all untangling; but to believe that God can take the tangled threads of human affairs and weave them into a pattern of his own designing, is to hope amid the wreckage of nations.

Some of us would be cynics, but for this assurance. "Optimism is consciousness of hidden reserves," said Dr. Hillis. It is the failure of resource that brings fear and despair. It ought to be the minister's task to keep his hidden reserves in tack. To be assured that the "Lord will command his loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me," ought to bolster hope in the heart of every minister of Christ.

The Psalmist prayed fervently that he should not "be ashamed of his hope." Let us, the chosen leaders of our people, be not ashamed of our hope in these dreadful days, so fraught with fear.

DON'T BE FOOL OPTIMISTS. There are optimists and there are fool optimists. An optimist is one who sees the best and the worst, and still keeps faith. A fool optimist is one who sees only the good, and closes his eyes to all the bad.

"Because God is in his heavens, all is right with the world, whatever man may do. All we need to do to have a new world in which dwelleth righteousness, is to sit still, fold our arms, and see God do it."

That is fool optimism, whether found in a minister or in a layman. To see only the flowers that bloom along every highway, and blind our eyes to the weeds and briars and thistles is to see but in part.

To hear only the song of birds, and stop our ears to the hoot of the owls and the croak of frogs, is to deceive ourselves.

True optimism will face the facts of life; see the threads of gold, and the seams and scars of life. It will endeavor to see life whole.

But to fold our hands, close our eyes on the tragedies of life, and "sing our souls away to everlasting bliss," is fool optimism. Criticism has arisen against a certain group that dresses in evening clothes, meets in swank hotels, and pulls the blinds down on the struggling, tragic life about it, and yet claims to be the expression of early Christianity in its purity No movement can represent Christianity of the New Testament that does not face all the facts, and offer a remedy for the maladies of men.

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"God's Back Pasture"

"God's Back Pasture" is the title of a new book on the country parish; the third from the pen of Arthur Wentworth Hewitt. This man can use a pen. Let no one doubt that. He writes with discrimination and charm. His books fairly scintillate with homely stements and epigrams. He says: "Any bird's eye view of the rural parish will depend on the bird which views it." Mr. Hewitt does give the unique bird's eye view of one who lives and moves and has his being in the country parish.

Hr. Hewitt's great strength lies in his interpretation of the personal, intimate and human aspects of the rural pastorate. He catches the mood of the Christian rural faith. In this "God's Back Pasture" is a worthy successor to "Highland Shepherds" which has won the unanimous acclaim of American religious leaders. The appearance of "God's Back Pasture" definitely establishes the author as the ranking literary genius among country pastors in the United States.

This book, says the author, is sociological: it deals with the rural parish, the realm in which the pastor operates. The first and longest section is about the rural parish and what is wrong with it. The second euphoniously labelled, "Tinkering with Temperalities" treats matters such as the sanctuary, the parish house, church finance which he prefers to have "Bucolic economics" and the pastor in civic and community relationships. There is a brief statement on the larger parish. Another section is devoted to the pastor as educator and the final section "My Heart's In The Highlands" states a philosophy for rural work and living. The book appropriately closes with several brief prayers "of the rural men."

There is much in the book that irks one. At times the author is almost haughty. The presentation is not sociological as is claimed. In fact the author takes a holy delight in sticking pins into the hides of sociologists. When he is not doing that he ignores sociological principles. He does not understand procedures in church cooperation and gives too little significance to economic matters.

At times one feels that his high idealism is quite as conducive to discouragment as too little idealism is to spiritual blindness. Many rural ministers prefer to see the more somber aspects of rural church work and plan their strategy accordingly.

But here one finds the heart and mind of a successful New England minister. Read "God's Back Pasture" and enlarge the borders of your mind and spirit.

"Evangelism in Rural Areas"

Some time ago the Rev. Samuel A. Fehl became pastor of the Methodist and Baptist churches at Jordansville, New York and the Paines Hollow Church. There had been no accession to the Baptist Church by confession of faith in eleven years. One explanation is that this church was located in an area which had undergone rather serious population decline and change.

This autumn Mr. Fehl made careful plans for a home visitation evangelistic effort. Here are some of the results:

> "25 team-nights, a "team night" being one team calling for one night; 106 prospects visited; 46 1st decisions; 14 letter decisions—a total of 60 decisions. Of these 43 were adults. In 6 cases there were whole households or families recording decisions."

One reason for this successful effort may lie in the fact that these churches a few years ago became part of the Otsquago Valley Larger Parish in which a number of small churches are cooperating. The cooperative effort includes Christian Education for public school children, Vacation Bible School and a cooperative support of the pastors. Denominational boards and interested individuals support a director of religious education to carry on work among children and young people and for leadership training.

"A God's Herd in Nebraska"

In recent months this column has made frequent mention of the Lord's Acre. Interest in the plan is growing. One evidence of its strength is that the plan is being adapted to meet local conditions. Yesterday there came to our desk a letter describing a Nebraska version of the Lord's Acre. The Rev. J. Clyde Clark, the "Sand Hill Parson," is the writer. He describes a God's Herd recently formed in his parish.

He writes, "One morning right out of the blue two words flashed across my mind—'God's Herd'. I almost shouted. To be sure. That's it. It grows right out of our environment. Men are familiar with it. Cattle! Men out here understand that."

Mr. Clark immediately approached two of his men. One gave a young cow, the other donated a heifer. The next said, "I will come in on that. I believe that is our solution."

Mr. Clark next drew up a tentative agreement and went after signatures of those who would give a heifer or a calf for the herd. The church plans the enlistment of members and constituency until the God's Herd is built up to fifteen. Eventually this original number will produce a herd of approximately fifty head. A competent cattle man will be in charge of the herd receiving approximately one-half of the income from the sale of stock. The balance of the income will be used for improvements in grounds or building and missions and local church expenses.

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Former World Alliance Headquarters Damaged

Although American Baptists do not consider Great Britain in any sense as a mission field, they have been deeply moved at the losses suffered by British Baptists since the war began. American Baptists were shocked when the papers reported that the headquarters of the old Baptist Missionary Society in London were wrecked. They were grieved when they heard that the Baptist Church House of the British Baptist Union had been badly damaged. The office of the Baptist World Alliance (now located in Washington, D. C.) had been in that building for over thirty years. Many Baptist churches in the southern part of England have suffered greatly. Northern Baptists will want a share in rebuilding this property after the war.

Our Missionaries in War Zones

The Japanese-American war broke out so suddenly that some of our missionaries in Japanese-occupied China did not have time to leave for Free China or for English or American-protected soil, although some of them had been making preparations to do so. Because they were urgently needed by their Chinese friends, they had been delaying their departure until the last moment, hoping for a peaceful outcome of the negotiations with Japan.

Communications with these missionaries will undoubtedly be cut off for a while, and all we can do at present is to pray for their safety and trust that they are in God's care. The Japanese government, as quoted in the newspapers, has promised to treat American nationals in Japan and occupied China with consideration and respect to law. According to international law, as non-military enemy aliens, the missionaries should at worst be interned under humane conditions.

Book Month . . . . By Alfred L. Murray

UNITED STATES BAPTIST BOOK CLUB

Selection No. 1

CONQUEST OF DEATH. By F. Townley Lord. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 185 pp. $1.50.

Dr. Lord is an English Baptist clergyman who is as mighty with the pen as he is with the spoken word. He has written eleven books which have commanded the attention of religious leaders. This volume is directed to the answer of a question that becomes increasingly pertinent as the Easter season is approached, "After death, what then?" The volume is written for, (a) "Christians who want to know how the traditional view," of immortality, "stands in the light of modern thought; (b) and those who profess to have no special interest in the Christian view but who are yet subdued and wistful before an open grave." There is nothing sentimental or emotional about the discussion. If any criticism is justifiable it is that the book has been kept on too high an intellectual level to be of most value to average readers.

The literature of science, history, and psychology are used widely and wisely in the discussion, though no attempt is made to find proof in these that the soul survives death. His convincing argument for immortality is established in the character of God and the revelation of Jesus Christ. While this is a familiar argument the author's development of it is unique and commanding. For the anxious enquirer this book has a positive answer. It is an immortal volume on immortality.

Selection No. 2

FROM MILLIONS TO HAPPINESS. By Albert L. Kramer. Leighton Press. 126 pp. $1.00.

A former Philadelphia lawyer, and New York banker, retired at the age of thirty-eight to enjoy all the luxuries that a wealthy man could possess. During the depression he lost his wealth but found God. This is the story of his life,—a story of unrest and discontent until he surrendered his life to Christ. He tells how he sought happiness in riches, costly parties, exclusive clubs, science, philosophy, etc., but not until he found Christ did he find joy and peace. He writes, "I glorified in my worldly successes. I am not glorying in them now. I would not trade my fellowship with God for anything the world has to give." This is a book on evangelisim that every church member should read.

REVIEWS

New Gateways To Creative Living. By Hornell Hart. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 197 pp. $1.75. The purpose of this book is to enable the reader to find scientifically satisfaction and happiness in an unsatisfactory and disturbed world. Every person has his inner and his sensory world. Our age is distinguished by its progress in the sensory world. But the same progress may be made in the inner world too. Only as we do this can we solve our problems. Your idea of yourself as you should be can change your personality. The past should serve as a guide in determining what to do in the future. Thrilling happiness is that state in which abundant energy flows through a personality in activities wholeheartedly accepted by that personality. It is a practical, workable, and fascinating treatise.

Who Is My Patient? By Russell L. Dicks. Macmillan. 149 pp. $1.50. While this is a religious manual prepared especially for nurses it is exceeding enlightening and helpful for all individuals who minister to the sick. It tells how to recognize and interpret various moods, expressions, and words of the sick as symptoms of spiritual and mental problems.

Man's Quest For Salvation. By Chas. S. Braden. Willett, Clark & Co. 274 pp. $2.50. The idea of salvation as embraced by ten world's living religions is studied and compared. In an expository manner he deals with the entire subject letting each faith stand or fall on its own teachings, and without prejudice of thought he states the supremecy of Jesus' teaching as compared with that of the founders of other faiths. This is a scholarly, timely, and unprejudice study of a subject that commands wide attention.

The Church and The New Order. By William Paton. Macmillan. 188 pp. $1.50. This is a clarion call for all churchmen to begin now to plan for a New Order where righteousness and justice, seasoned by love, will rule, and not hatred and force. Together with his own penetrating insight, the author brings the best utterances of leading statesmen of the world to bear upon the topic. He shows how political, social, economic, and moral philosophies have played their parts as causes in the present conflict. While acknowledging the weakness of the church he expresses the belief that the church, under God, will keep alive those profound basic forces which will be used in building a New Order.

Calling All Christians. Edited by Paul Z. Strodach. Muhlenberg Press. 259 pp. $1.75. A collection of Pre-Lenten and Lenten sermons and sermon outlines prepared by prominent Lutheran ministers. While some of the sermons are of an inferior quality the whole book is suggestive and provocative.

The Missionary Messages of The Bible. By Julian P. Love. Macmillan. 203 pp. $2.00. The Bible is studied from Genesis to Revelation to show that from its beginning to end the plea and purpose of missions runs. This book should be read by those who are opposed to, and those who advocate missionary giving. It is one volume that should be studied, with the Bible, by every church-going person in America.

The Faith of The New Testament. By W. T. Conner. Broadman. 531 pp. $2.50.

The faith of the New Testament is found in the lives of conspicuous New Testament characters, therefore, the teachings of Jesus, Paul, and John are studied to discover what the faith of the New Testament is. This expository volume not only gives insight into the Bible, but it increases one's own faith.

Where God Meets Man. By O. A. Geiseman. Kaufmann Inc. 2 volumes. $1.50 each. Two volumes of sermons, containing approximately 240 pages each, covering the entire Christian year. They are vital messages.

The Drama of Our Religion. By A. Graham Baldwin. Oxford. 253 pp. $2.00. An outline of religion tracing its development from the beginning to the times of St. Paul. Especially helpful in its comprehensive record of the various changes which have taken place in religious beliefs. Invaluable to Bible students.

The Christian Has Wings. By W. E. Sangster. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 153 pp. $1.50. A London clergyman takes the words of national political leaders in democratic countries as a prefix to each of his ten chapters. Then, in ten or twelve pages, shows that the pronouncements of these statesmen have implications far beyond the immediate margin em-

ployed by the speakers. It is a book of stern realism, with an armory of homiletic suggestions.

Short Sermons for Children. By Dan H. Fenn. Putnam, 225 pp. $2.00. This book is decidedly in a class by itself, and is by far superior to the majority of books appearing in this field of interest. The author is a pastor, and Lecturer on Religious Education, Harvard Divinity School. In an appropriate message for every Sunday in the year he avoids the spectacular and sounds the worshipful and inspirational note.

Every Man's Book. By Francis C. Stifler. Harpers. 113 pp. $1.00. In this inexpensive edition the fundamental and fascinating truths of the development and spread of the printed Bible are tellingly set forth. The flickering light now shines to the remote corners of the earth until the light of the Word of God finds expression through 1,000 tongues. The book is unusually attractive in its presentation.

Marriages Are Not Made In Heaven. By Janet F. Nelson. Association. 158 pp. $1.25. This book has been especially designed to answer questions raised by young business women concerning marriage. It is built around the question, "Is the successful marriage distinguished from the unsuccessful venture not by the absence of problems but by the possession of resources with which to meet them?" Young women will be delighted with the frank, understanding, wholesome, and intelligent presentation of a vital question, handled with skill in these pages.

New Wealth For You. By Preston Bradley. Stokes. 164 pp. $1.50.

A pastor of a prominent city church speaks out of the rich and happy experiences of his life, words of counsel, wisdom, and encouragement. He has had much to do in leading hundreds of young people into a fuller and happier life. Older people have looked to him for friendship and encouragement. These twelve talks, on various themes, sound the clarion note of faith in God and man. The man discovers new wealth who sincerely and faithfully follows Jesus Christ in all avenues of life.

These Things Remain. By Ella B. Robertson, Broadman. 58 pp. 25c. A collection of human-interest stories; devotional and missionary in content.

Homemaking: A Study of Mating, Marriage, and Family Life. By Hervin U. Roop. Eerdman. 135 pp. $1.00.

Rather sketchy, and far from being a study of any one of the subjects mentioned.

Young Leaders in Action. By Isaac K. Beckes. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 216 pp. $1.75.

Written in narrative form, meant for young people to read rather than as a guide for religious leaders. A good book to place in the hands of the president of the young people's society.

A Parable of False Liberty

Behold the son of the prophet spake thus: "My father I would fain learn to play chess and wilt thou instruct me?" And it came to pass that for many days they did play together in the cool of the day. And that he might not lose heart the prophet did move foolishly at times and let the son win. Then did the son rejoice and the prophet seemeth to sorrow. And they were both happy. Howbeit, the prophet seemed unto the lad to be troubled.

Now a day came when the prophet moved foolishly and did not mean so to do and he did lose when he had meant to win. The lad smote him hip and thigh and did rejoice and the prophet was cast down in spirit. This upstart of a lad did but make sport of his father and he had learned his lesson well. The prophet could no longer win at will but was sore put to it, not to give up in despair.

Now it chanced that on a day a man saith unto the prophet, "I take a drink now and then but am no drunkard. I can take it or I can refuse it." Then came a day when in anguish the man came again and cried, "Sir, save me or I perish. This drink will ruin me. The habit is too strong for me."

Then remembered the prophet the words of the Lord, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." "Sin when it is conceived bringeth forth death."

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First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The First Baptist Church of Niagara Falls, New York, celebrated 100 years of history in January. The church was organized in 1842. The Rev. Charles Rufus Osborn has been pastor for the past ten years.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, OKLAHOMA CITY, has more than 800 tithers.

THE RATIO OF BAPTISTS TO THE POPULATION in certain Southern states is as follows: In Georgia, there is 1 Baptist to every 2.8 persons; In Alabama, 1 to 3.4 persons; in So. Carolina, 1 to 3.3 persons; in Mississippi, 1 to 3.8 persons; in No. Carolina, 1 to 4.2; in Virginia, 1 to 4.3; in Tenn., 1 to 4.7; in Ark., 1 to 5.1 and in Texas, 1 to 5.7 persons.

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News From The Nation's Capital

GEORGE B. FRASER, President | MARCH, 1942 | RUFUS W. WEAVER, Executive Secretary

UNIFIED PROGRAM IS NOW ASSURED

Dr. Clarence W. Cranford Begins His Work At Calvary Baptist Church

Welcomed By Throngs on February 15 As He Takes Helm Following Dr. William S. Abernethy

Calvary Baptist Church was crowded to capacity at all services Sunday, February 15th to welcome Dr. Clarence W. Cranford.

Dr. Cranford, after a successful pastorate in Richmond, Virginia, accepted the call of Calvary upon the resignation of Dr. William S. Abernethy, who served there twenty years. Dr. Cranford is widely known for his leadership of young people and has been a popular speaker at many gatherings in both the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions. Before going to Richmond he was pastor in Philadelphia.

John B. Abraham, chairman of the pulpit committee, presented Dr. Cranford to the congregation at the morning service. A reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Cranford Thursday evening, February 19th following the mid-week prayer service. Fellow Baptist ministers, and many representatives of other denominational groups attended the function.

METROPOLITAN YOUNG MEN'S CLASS IN ANNUAL BANQUET

Annual banquet of the Young Men's Class of Metropolitan Baptist Church, taught by W. E: Bolls, was held Tuesday evening, February 17th. A turkey dinner was served. Participating on the program were: The Three Martins, Metropolitan Trio, Robert Ernest, Geraldine Grumley, Wanda Ann Mercer & The C.C.B.'s. Dr. John Compton Ball, pastor, was one of the speakers. The principal address was given by the Rev. Mike Elliott, Editor of the United States Baptist.

DR. RUFUS W. WEAVER WILL GO TO THE GULF COAST FOR MUCH NEEDED VACATION

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Executive Secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, hopes to leave shortly for a much needed vacation. Dr. Weaver expects to spend some time on the Gulf Coast. He has made rapid recovery from his recent illness. The prayers and good wishes of all Baptists will go with him. Dr. Weaver has not had a vacation in many years due to the pressure of his office, and the many activities in which he has been engaged.

"UNITED STATES BAPTIST SUNDAY" IN DISTRICT CHURCHES MARCH 15th

Two thousand new subscribers to the *United States Baptist* is the goal set by the special committee composed of Rev. M. C. Stith, Rev. Ray Garrett and Rev. Glenn Faucett.

"United States Baptist Sunday" will be observed in the churches on Sunday, March 15th and subscriptions will be taken at both the morning and evening services. Special envelopes will be provided each church and quotas based on 15 per cent of the membership have been suggested to the Pastors by the committee. Pastors have been requested to speak on the subject, *INFORMED BAPTISTS ARE INTELLIGENT BAPTISTS,* at the morning service.

"We feel that this project is so important that we have not hesitated to ask the Pastors to bring the matter before their people in a Sunday morning service. So many vital movements face us here in the District that we must get the information to the people month by month. And certainly all of us are anxious to get our work before the whole nation. We count on the hearty cooperation of every Pastor and church," the committee said.

Northern And Southern Groups Consider Plan Of Joint Action Here

District Will Probably Assume Status of Other State Conventions In the New Relationship

About a month ago the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention voted to accept the invitation of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and begin a Mission program in the District.

This plan involved the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions to work cooperatively with the Executive Secretary of the Convention. Following the Home Board action the Executive Board of the District Convention ratified the agreement and allocated funds as the Convention share of the work.

Negotiations with officials of the Northern Baptist Convention in the meantime indicate the willingness of the Northern Convention to cooperate in such a plan of Missions, Christian Education and Extension. Official action has not been taken but it is expected that such will be done within a few weeks.

The cooperative plan if carried out will mean the expenditure of from $10,000 to $15,000 annually for extension of Baptist work in the District of Columbia. It will include a Director of Missions and a Director of Christian Education. Also considered is a missionary worker for the Woman's Missionary Association.

It is expected that the various units of the Convention will be brought under the Convention itself and become an integral part of the Convention work. This would mean the setting up of Departments such as the Department of Christian Education, the Department of Missions, the Men's Council, the Department of Women's Work, and others deemed necessary.

Officials of both the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions have shown great interest in the Baptist work of Greater Washington. The cooperative

spirit of both groups in considering the needs here has been an inspiring example of unity of aim and purpose. The attitude of the two Convention groups has heartened the Baptists of the District.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, President George Fraser, Rev. M. C. Stith, chairman of the Executive Committee, and others, have been pressing the matter for months. Mr. Stith has presented the case to both groups in such a convincing way that hearty approval has been given. District of Columbia Baptists, in view of the probable and successful conclusion of negotiations, have before them an opportunity of expansion and extension, and the privilege of further unifying the work of the Convention and its several units.

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Group Heads Discuss the Proposed Convention Plan

Presidents of the various Baptist groups in the District meet in informal conference at Baptist headquarters, February 18th to discuss the proposed integration of the groups into the Convention Plan' as now proposed for the District.

President George B. Fraser presided. Rev. C. M. Stith, chairman of the Convention Executive Committee, explained the proposed changes. Although no formal vote was taken the directing heads of the organizations expressed themselves as favorable to the change. They will take the proposals back to their respective groups for formal decision.

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District Churches Plan For Pre-Easter Revivals and Evangelistic Crusades

Practically all churches in the District of Columbia Baptist Convention are planning special pre-Easter evangelistic campaigns of one type or another. Interest in the work of evangelism is increasing. Baptists are the fastest growing group of all denominations and it is expected that as a result of the intensified interest in soul winning that the present Convention year will set a record in the number of baptisms and additions to the churches. Regular activities in the churches continue with effectiveness in spite of the loss of much of the young man-power due to the war.

Unified Budget Receipts Show an Increase Over Same Period Last Year

Statement showing receipts from the Churches towards the Unified Budget of the Convention:

	Nov. 1, 1940 to Jan. 31, 1941	*Nov. 1, 1941 to Jan. 31, 1942*
Anacostia	$ 133.34	$ 66.67
Bethany	188.31	186.03
Bethesda	29.47	80.62
Brookland	——	500.00
Brookmont	10.00	30.00
Calvary	3,500.00	3,500.00
Capital Heights	——	25.00
Centennial	323.29	305.38
Chevy Chase	266.66	300.00
Congress Heights	--	——
East Washington Heights	150.00	250.00
Fifth	770.00	385.00
First, D. C.	——	1,166.66
First, Riverdale	79.24	——
Fountain Memorial	60.00	70.00
Grace	550.00	900.00
Highlands	80.00	57.00
Hyattsville	120.00	200.00
Kendall	——	——
Luther Rice Memorial	——	50.00
Maryland Avenue	144.92	65.72
Metropolitan	1,000.00	——
National Baptist Memorial	2,800.00	3,000.00
North Washington	——	70.00
Petworth	125.00	250.00
Redeemer	——	20.00
Second	400.00	500.00
Silver Spring	141.72	184.00
Takoma Park	200.00	275.00
Temple	145.00	225.00
West Washington	647.55	507.89
Wilson Avenue	50.00	39.50
Wisconsin Avenue	——	50.00
Totals	$11,914.50	$13.259.47

NOTE:—The amounts reported above by the Treasurer represent only the amounts received by him to January 31st, and not the amounts drawn by the Church Treasurers and mailed too late to be received by that date. ELGIN SMITH

HYATTSVILLE WELCOMES REV. H. R. OSGOOD WHO SUCCEEDED REV. B. P. ROBERTSON

Rev. H. R. Osgood began his work at Hyattsville January 1st, succeeding Dr. B. P. Robertson, who retired after a service of fifteen years. Rev. Osgood came to Hyattsville from Plainfield, Maine. He graduated from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"I have reached certain conclusions after thoroughly surveying the Hyattsville area", declared Rev. Osgood. "First, to contact the hundreds of new people who are moving in to this community and enlist them in the service of the church. Second, to make the Hyattsville church of the greatest possible service to the entire community. Third, to minister to the whole man—intellectually, economically and spiritually. Fourth, to build Christian character and a life that will stand the shock of these changing times. Fifth, to lead men to see that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world."

The feeling of the church toward their new leader can be expressed in the word of a fourteen-year-old girl who referred to him as "tops", and in the words of another member who said, "with such a God-sent man we are going to be a great soul winning church."

During the ministry of Dr. B. P. Robertson a new location was secured and paid for. In addition $10,000 in cash was deposited in the bank as a nest egg for the new building campaign, temporarily halted by the war. The membership is unanimous in the opinion that the greatest need just now is a new building. At present the building is so overcrowded that a "Children's Church" is being held in the basement. Every available bit of space is occupied during services. Rev. Osgood has rallied the young people and half of the congregation is composed of the youth age.

-NEWS- From the Churches

West Washington, Charles B. Austin, Pastor—Sunday, March 1st the West Washington Baptist Church will commence a "Forward Movement". Three golden secrets of a growing church will be stressed:

1. Church Worship. The resident membership has been divided into 30 groups, each group having a visitor whose duty it is to visit the member of his or her group and invite each of them to help make the attendance 100% at the worship services every Sunday in March.

2. Church Invitation to "Newcomers." Regular church-goers are urged to invite "newcomers" to be their guests at the services of the church. If 300 resident families in our church would take the words of Jesus in Luke 14:23, and put the same earnestness into their going that He put into the command, we would have a revival of church attendance that would be an untold blessing to our city.

3. Church Publicity. If we want a revival of church attendance that will fill the Lord's House to the wall, we "must go out into the highways of public print and seek the people where they travel daily."

Congress Heights, B. P. Richardson, Pastor—The Twenty-ninth Anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. E. E. Richardson on January 25th was marked by a unique event. Prior to the Sunday morning service a personal note was sent to each individual with whom it was possible to get into touch, who had been baptized during Dr. Richardson's ministry. Included in the note was the date was the date of the baptism of the recipient, also a ribbon badge signifying such date and the request that this be worn at the service. The attendance at the service was most gratifying, there being fully 50% of those persons present whom it had been possible to reach. Some came from far distant points in order to participate in the service. The third chapter of John, the chapter from which the pastor has preached each successive year on his anniversary Sunday, was the more meaningful therefore by the presence in the congregation of this goodly number of people who had found their Lord and followed Him in baptism during the years. In addition to the opportunity afforded these persons of renewing blessed memories there was evident also the silent but unmistakable tribute to this worthy ministry which has extended with such marked power over twenty-nine years of devoted service.

Brookmont, Rev. E. C. Tull, Pastor—Two services are necessary Sunday morning because of crowded conditions. The church is only three years old, and at present is worshipping in a house located on the church property. The property is valued at $10,000 with an indebtedness of only $2700. The present pastor has been on the field since last September, coming from Erickson Memorial where he served three and one-half years. The neighborhood is developing rapidly and there is no other denominational group in the community. There are at least 3000 people who would naturally come under the ministry of the church.

Takoma Park, Wm. E. LaRue, Pastor—The quarterly business meeting was held February 2nd. A balance of $611.10 was reported with all bills paid. The church is cooperating in the effort of the Southern Baptist Convention to liquidate its debt. The church has voted to secure the services of a Seminary student to assist the pastor and to work in the Sunday School and Young People's Departments. The Ladies' Aid Society celebrated its 21st Anniversary on February 2nd. Many thousands of dollars have been raised by the Society and it now has a balance of $1500.00 on hand which will be used in the future enlargement of the church plant. Recently the Society raised $103.08 for World Relief, serving a public dinner for this purpose. Our church is participating in the Pension Plan for the pastor.

Luther Rice, Mike Elliott, Pastor—Rev. A. F. Johnson, Oklahoma City, will lead the "Luther Rice Crusade" from March 15th to 29th. A "Men and Boys Night" will be held March 6th. The Church School enjoyed a social February 27th. The Pastor is speaking every Thursday night on some phase of personal Evangelism. Hundreds of names of prospective members are being assembled and a comprehensive campaign of visitation will be undertaken at an early date. Training Schools for the Church School and Training Union are planned for March and April. The spiritual life of the church is at a high point. Mrs. Dewey Moore was the speaker for a recent midweek service sponsored by the Mission Union.

Chevy Chase, Edward O. Clark, Pastor—Under the slogan, "I Am A Christian And Proud Of It" the entire membership of the Chevy Chase Church will be challenged to new loyalty in worship and in definite evangelistic effort during March. Six special Sunday evening evangelistic Services have been planned to begin Sunday February 22 and to continue to Easter. One Service will feature a Bible Motion Picture, "Decision And Destiny" based upon a decisive episode in the Life of Jesus. It will be followed by a message on the same theme by Mr. Clark. Another Service will have a pageant "The Melody Of A Surrendered Life" presented by members of the Junior High Christian Endeavor Society. A third Service will have a Cartoon Sermon in which the pastor will be assisted by Miss Ruth Jackson, Artist. Two other Motion Picture Services on "The Passion Week" will conclude the series. The themes of the morning Services of Worship will be based on the query, "Can A Modern Man Believe—In God? —In the Bible? —In the Christian Church? —In Jesus As Lord? The members will be asked to manifest their loyalty by signing a six week church attendance pledge. The Pastor's Instruction Class for young people will meet every Friday evening at a Supper meeting. A program of visitation evangelism will also be carried out.

East Washington Heights, Glenn Faucett, Pastor—The Brotherhood of the East Washington Heights Baptist Church, recently presented to the Church a Victor Sound Motion Picture projector and equipment costing over $300.00 On January 11th the "Home-Like" Church began a series of 5 all-dialog sound pictures on "The Life of St. Paul". The five episodes covering the life of Christianity's great missionary were as follows: "On the Road to Damascus", "The Way of Salvation", "Faith Triumphant", "Grace of Forgiveness" and "Crown of Righteousness". Another type of visual worship will take place in March when on each Sunday evening some great art treasure will be used in helping to make the sermon of greater immediate value, and more permanent worth. Standing ready to introduce into the worship service teaching precepts which have proven themselves worthwhile, the pastor will preach from the following pictures during the month of March: "The Light of the World", "Christ or Diana?", "The Return of the Prodigal", "The Soul's Awakening" and "Christ in Gethsemane". Not only will there be found an added inspiration with regard to the truths which these works sugget but further, those attending the service or services will receive copies of these works, three of the five being reproductions in the full colors of the originals on heavy coated paper, six by nine inches.

Bethesda, J. Raymond Nelson, Pastor—The Church is making progress in reducing its indebtedness. The second trust on the Parsonage, originally $1,000 loaned by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, was liquidated by payment of the balance of $891.67 in one sum. At the same time, the first trust on the Church building was reduced by $1,000 in one payment. In addition, regular monthly payments are made on both buildings. Already the Church building, completed early last year, is being taxed for Sunday School space. The young people of the Church are active not only in their Sunday School classes and the Baptist Training Union, but are making their presence and their usefulness felt in the Church services. Twice in recent months they have had full charge in evening services, rendering the whole program each time, with splendid results. A junior choir, made up of members of junior classes in Sunday School and the Baptist Junior Union, made its appearance a few Sundays ago, and is regularly having part now in the morning services. Mrs. George H. Price directs both the regular choir and this one.

National Baptist Memorial, Gove Johnson, Pastor—A series of pre-Easter services each evening beginning March 30 at 8 o'clock will be conducted by Dr. John H. Strong, son of the outstanding theologian and long time friend of Pastor Gove G. Johnson. Dr. Strong was formerly pastor of the Eutaw Place church of Baltimore and is now located in New York. The Annual School of Missions will be held March 11, 12, 13, with supper at 6 o'clock, followed by two class sessions. The leaders will be Dr. C. S. Detweiler, Secretary of Missions in Latin America; Dr. J. Hundley Wiley, missionary from Shanghai, China; and Dr. George W. Sadler of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. Assistant Pastor A. Lincoln Smith plans to assist the United Baptist Church of Arlington, Virginia, in a series of evangelistic meetings March 22 to April 5. The church has seen numerous changes in these past few months. Miss Martha Dorroh has been elected church secretary. Miss Dorroh is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, and has had graduate work at the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. E. R. Rosenberg, for thirteen years clerk of the church, was transferred to Richmond by the government and Mr. Walter M. Norris has been elected as the new clerk. Mr. Norris has been serving as director of the Young People's Department of the Training Unions. Under the leadership of the Training Unions, which now average over two hundred in attendance, a series of Sunday evening evangelistic services was arranged beginning January 1 and running through February. The assistant pastor has led using the theme "Beginning Anew With Christ", with some individual bringing his personal testimony by answering the question each Sunday evening, Why I began anew with Christ?

First, Edward H. Pruden, Pastor—The First Baptist Church of Washington, formed on March 7, 1802, by the gathering in the old United States Treasury building of five men and one woman, is celebrating this year the 140th anniversary of its organization by a dinner held at the church on the evening of March 5. Reports presented now show that never before in its long and useful history has the church been in a more flourishing condition than it is today. Its growth has paralleled to a considerable degree that of the National Capital, the church having moved from one location to another until today it occupies one of the most prominent and strategic sites in the city. In addition to the property adjoining the church on 16th street, known as the Luther Rice Building which was acquired several years ago shortly after the arrival of Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden as its new pastor, the church is now in process of securing also a large tract of land on O street, immediately to the rear of the church. It is the plan to develop this new property with a Sunday School and educational building as soon as all necessary arrangements can be made for this improvement. Under the pastorate of Dr. Pruden, who has been with the church now for a little more than five years, the net increase in membership has been considerably more than 100 per cent, standing today at more than 1,500.

Johnson and Robertson Honored By Their Friends and Fellow Ministers

Dr. F. W. Johnson and Dr. B. P. Robertson, recently retired from the pastorates of the Grace Baptist Church and Hyattsville Baptist Church, respectively, were given a testimonial dinner on March 2nd at the Fifth Baptist Church. Ministers of the Baptist churches of the District were present. Dr. John Compton Ball, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, spoke of the long service of Dr. Johnson while Dr. E. E. Richardson praised Dr. Robertson for his successful pastorate at Hyattsville. Dr. John Wicker of Fork Union Academy was a guest and also addressed the meeting.

Women's Missionary Association

By MRS. T. E. GILBERT

In their beautiful new Church Home, the Missionary Society of the Fountain Memorial Baptist Church was hostess to the Woman's Baptist Missionary Association of the District of Columbia for their regular Quarterly meeting on January 27, with the President, Mrs. J. G. Yaden, presiding.

It is a tribute to the faithful women of that Church that their friends turned out in record attendance, almost taxing the well appointed equipment of the new dining room but not the warm welcome of the ladies and their pastor, Rev. F. F. King and Mrs. King.

Mrs. J. Hundley Wiley, who with her husband has served until recently under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Shanghai University brought a stirring message calling attention to God's guidance and His deliverance of His servants. She asked for prayers, not only for our missionaries in occupied and war torn areas, but for the native Christians, that they may stand true in spite of the indignities they must suffer at the hands of the invaders.

Following earnest consideration and prayer, it was unanimously agreed to go ahead with plans for the Second Annual House Party to be held at Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., early in June. Mrs. H. A. Elmore of the Fountain Memorial Church is Chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

For consideration at its next regular meeting, March 25th, the Association has before it a proposed change in the constitution setting the dates for the regular Quarterly meetings the first Friday in October, December, March and June.

Baptist Ministers' Conference

J. RAYMOND NELSON

The Baptist Ministers' Conference of Washington and vicinity includes in its membership pastors of Baptist churches in the nearby sections of both Virginia and Maryland. Regular meetings are held twice each month, or three times if the month includes five Mondays; the second Monday of each month is given to the meeting of the Baptist-Disciples Ministers' Conference, and the last Monday to the Ministerial Union of Washington.

February brings to us a new member in the person of the Rev. Clarence W.

Cranford, incoming pastor of Calvary Church. His well known predecessor, Dr. Will S. Abernethy, was honored by the Conference at a luncheon in December, at the National Baptist Memorial Church, just before his retirement. Two others, lately retired from the pastorate, Dr. F. W. Johnson and Dr. B. P. Robertson, from the pulpits of Grace and Hyattsville Churches respectively, will be honorees of the Conferences at a luncheon early in March at the Fifth Church. Dr. Johnson's successor, the Rev. Walton MacMillan, formerly associate pastor of the same church, was already a member. The same officers of the Conference include this writer as president, the Rev. James P. Rodgers, vice-president; the Rev. Walton MacMillan, secretary; the Rev. M. P. German, chairman program committee.

BAPTIST BIBLE SCHOOL

The Baptist Bible School is now in its eleventh year, having been established in 1930 with Dr. B. P. Robertson as president. Most of the states and many foreign countries have been represented in the student body. The school was established for the education and training of preachers, missionaries and Christian workers. The Baptist Bible School is located at 715 8th Street, N.W., in the city of Washington, and occupies rooms on the second floor in Waddell Hall. The fact that the school is located in Washington gives it a strategic position and as the entire nation looks to Washington in the interest of good government and civic righteousness, so may the time come when the Baptists, both north and south, may look to the Baptist Bible School for training and inspiration. The city of Washington is unusual in the facilities it offers for study and research. There are located here the Library of Congress, public and governmental libraries not to be found in any other city where students may freely have access to various kinds of books and records for study and research.

Columbia Council of Baptist Men

EDWARD J. FOX

Your president and Dr. Thomas R. Wilson, past-president, had the honor of representing the Columbia Council at the conference of eastern state chairmen of the National Council of Northern Baptist Men in New York, January 17-18. Evidence of increased interest and a growing enthusiasm in this men's movement was shown by a large attendance and the spirited discussions of the problems facing our churches, our denomination and the world at large.

Of grave concern were many problems thrust upon us by the war. Mr. Hassrick, chairman of the conference, pertinently remarked, "we may win this war and lose it, too" by neglecting the affairs of the kingdom of Christ, particularly by failing to impart to the youth of America those Christian principles which have made our nation great.

In the mad rush of defense work and preparation for war, can we afford to neglect those duties which were committed to the church? Ours would be but a hollow victory were we to win the war and lose our souls. Wherefore, it behooves us at the home-front to keep the spiritual fires brightly burning. Here is a real challenge to the Baptists and other Christian peoples of our land Let us be careful to maintain those spiritual values which are the essence of Christian civilization. Many hold the view that the church of Jesus Christ has failed. As evidence, they cite the chaotic condition of the world and the lust for power, for which nations are now sacrificing their all upon the altar of war. The fault lies, not with the founder of the church nor with the principles upon which it was established, but with us who profess to be its adherents. Wherefore, let us humbly confess our sins and earnestly seek to make amends for the woes our neglect have brought upon the human race. Let us rise up as a mighty army of Christian brothers, marching under the banner of our Lord, united in heart and purpose to win the world for Him. To this end their ought to be an organized unit of lay-men in every church aggressively supporting the program of the church and denomination in fulfilling its great commission to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

At the conference in New York, a statement was made to the effect that any pastor who neglected to organize his men and failed to utilize the potential power for good that they represent could not last very long. It is the hope and earnest desire of your president and those associated with him in the Council that none of the ministers of our churches will be guilty of this charge. Your Council officers are ready and willing to help in organizing the men of our churches and would welcome the opportunity to serve. We look to the pastors to take the initiative. Without your cooperation we can do nothing.

Women's Home

By MRS. B. FUGITT

About sixty-two years ago there was started in Washington a Baptist home for aged women in a small building at 55 H Street, N. W. Of course, they soon outgrew this home, so moved to their present location, 3248 N Street, N.W. about 1889. Additions and improvements have been made to this home until now it is a delightful and comfortable home, where we are able to care for twenty-five ladies who came to us from the Baptist churches in the Columbia Convention. Many saintly Baptist women have spent their declining years, contented and happy, in the atmosphere of peace and rest which this home gives. The Baptists of the District of Columbia are justly proud of this home and are always looking forward to the time when we can have a new and larger home. where we may care for many more of our beloved ladies.

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FIFTH CHURCH STAYS AT HER POST FOR EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS

By GEORGE W. GRIFFIN

Eighty-five years ago Columbian College, now George Washington University, accepted as a student Rev. C. C. Meador. While a student Rev. Meador organized a Sunday School in the Southwest section of Washington. From that Sunday School developed the Fifth Baptist Church. If Columbian College while it was a Baptist institution, had given to Baptist only Dr. C. C. Meador it would have been worth all of the sacrifice of the great Luther Rice in the establishment of this school. Dr. Meador served this church as pastor nearly fifty years. Dr. Weston Bruner followed Dr. Meador and served for five years. He was succeeded by Dr. John E. Briggs who has been pastor for thirty-three years.

The present location of Fifth Church shows the wisdom of our Baptist fathers in seeking to locate churches at strategic points in the city. During all of the years Fifth Church and Dr. Briggs have carried on a program vitally related to the ever changing complexion of the neighborhood. While downtown churches in many cities have moved out, Fifth Church has remained at her post and has contributed to the spiritual life of the people. She now faces what may be her greatest opportunity.

If the United States Government rebuilds the entire section with an expenditure of $30,000,000 for new homes for government workers Fifth Church will be right in the center of this project. This project is still in the rumor stage but something probably will develop out of it.

Dr. John R. Briggs believes in Christian Education. During his pastorate the Darlington Memorial Building has been erected at a cost of $60,000. More than $20,000 has been spent in the past two years in renovating and modernizing the entire building. This was done to fit the plant to the needs of a modern educational program.

I first met Dr. Briggs forty years ago while a student in the Louisville Baptist Seminary. During the intervening years certain outstanding characteristics of the man have impressed me. He has put his whole life and soul into his work as a Pastor. He has the Pastor's heart. Dr. Briggs is missionary minded—locally, nationally and internationally. The church has supported a missionary in Africa and China for many years and has given liberally to the missionary causes of the denomination. His great ability has been recognized by continuous service on some of our denominational boards and his appointment to the boards of our educational institutions. Locally, Dr. Briggs has been active in the work of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. He is chairman of the Mission Committee of the Convention, and with Dr. Rufus W. Weaver and other leaders he has a vision of greater development of the Baptist life in Greater Washington.

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Dr. John Compton Ball Turns Down Thousands of Requests for Meetings and Lectures

During his ministry of forty years at Metropolitan Baptist Church Dr. John Compton Ball has turned down thousands of invitations to hold revival meetings and deliver lectures and addresses. Dr. Ball has felt that his job was Metropolitan Church, and only that.

Many years ago the then pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Dr. Greene, told Dr. Ball that he had all he could do running Calvary Baptist Church and that he did not have time for outside engagements. Dr. Ball felt that his friend had given him good advice and he attributes his success at Metropolitan to his rigid determination to refuse many invitations. Dr. Ball spends ten weeks away from his church during the summer. This he has done for many years. It is his vacation period. The rest of the year he is on duty at the Church.

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B.Y.P.U. Federation Hold Meeting at National Memorial Baptist Church

The District of Columbia B.Y.P.U. Federation held its regular meeting at National Memorial Baptist Church during February. About 250 B.Y.P.Upers from many churches were present. The Federation is headed by John Gordon Mein.

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White and Negro Baptist Ministers Hold a Joint Conference on February 16

The White and Negro Baptist Minister's Conferences of the District of Columbia held a joint session at Calvary Baptist Church February 16th. About seventy-five ministers were present.

THE BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Offers Opportunity to Invest Funds that Will Serve Washington for All Time

"The time has come to bring to the attention of our people the possibilities of the Baptist Foundation of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention", declared Dr. John E. Briggs who was instrumental in bringing the Foundation into being in 1939. Dr. Briggs is a member of the Board of Trustees.

"Maryland has the sum of $500,000 in invested funds the interest on which is being used to develop missionary and benevolent enterprises in that state", Dr. Briggs said. " We here in the District of Columbia should bring the Foundation to the attention of men and women whom are interested in placing some of their money where it will be safeguarded and used for the good of humanity for all time to come. An initial gift of $500 has been made to the Foundation. Outright gifts of money now regardless of size should be secured. Individuals should consider the Foundation when making their wills. I can think of no finer investment than that of making available interest on funds that will be used to build up our Baptist work here. There are so many worthy objects to be considered. We can guarantee an aggressive program for all time if we can build up the Foundation funds.

"Information as to the possibilities will be gladly given by any member of the Board or by Dr. Rufus W. Weaver. This is a matter that has to do with the future of Baptist work in the District. It is worthy the consideration of Baptists, and others, who are interested in building up and fortifying the Christian ideals of the District of Columbia. I hope we may soon begin to see the initial amount increased in large proportions", Dr. Briggs said.